

2021-2022 Statewide High School Assessments - ACT and ACT Aspire

Test Windows

ACT Aspire

Online: April 4 – April 29
Paper: April 4 – April 13

ACT

Paper: March 1 or April 5
Online: March 1-3 & March 8-10 or
Online: April 5-7 & April 12-14

Who Tests

ACT Aspire

Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)

ACT

Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)

ACT Aspire and ACT - Similarities

- ✓ Available online and paper-based – check specific test windows
- ✓ Content areas included: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
- ✓ Test sections are timed
- ✓ Accommodated – Extended time available. See Accommodations Manual for details
- ✓ Text-to-Speech and Speech-to-Text are allowable accommodations which must be approved. See Accommodations Manual for details.
- ✓ Both have Test Administration Directions, which must be followed
- ✓ Monitoring of test by Proctor or Test Administrator
- ✓ Online tests are administered in TestNav

ACT Aspire and ACT - Differences

- ✓ Online embedded calculator: ACT – Desmos Graphing Calculator; Aspire – non-branded scientific calculator. See [ACT Calculator Policy](#) for information about allowable handheld calculators.
- ✓ Aspire test sections may be administered in any order and in one day or over multiple days. ACT (standard administration) test sections must be administered in one day in a certain order. See [Detailed Test Calendar](#) for details.
- ✓ Students complete MyACT for ACT only (not available for Aspire)
- ✓ [ACT Aspire webpage](#) and [ACT Aspire Schedule of Events](#)
- ✓ iPads are not supported or allowed for ACT testing but are supported and allowed for Aspire.
- ✓ ACT accommodations and supports requests must be submitted to ACT by January 7, 2022. Aspire accommodations and supports are to be submitted to ADE using secure form: https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement_aa_fy22 by February 25, 2022.
- ✓ ACT – hard copies of manuals will be sent; ACT Aspire – manuals are online only
- ✓ ACT has [Practice Tests](#). Aspire has [Student Sandbox](#) and [Exemplars](#).
- ✓ [ACT webpage](#) and [ACT Schedule of Events](#)

Contact ADE at Testing@azed.gov

Contact ACT at 319-337-1567 or here: [contact form](#)

Contact ACT Aspire at 855-730-0400 or here: [contact form](#)

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ACT Aspire (Grade 9/Cohort 2025)

- ✓ Content areas and time limits:
 - ✓ English – 62 items / 45-minute test
 - ✓ Math – 48 items / 75-minute test
 - ✓ Reading – 32 items / 65-minute test
 - ✓ Science – 44 items / 60-minute test
 - ✓ Writing – 40-minute essay
- ✓ Content areas may be administered in any order
- ✓ Test sections may be administered in one day or over multiple days
- ✓ Student Sandbox and Exemplar Booklets
- ✓ Item types:
 - ✓ English – Multiple-Choice
 - ✓ Math – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Reading – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Science – Multiple-Choice and Constructed-Response
 - ✓ Writing – Constructed-Response
- ✓ Students will write an analytical expository essay in response to a writing stimulus
- ✓ Test scores provide college readiness information, including a predictive score for ACT

ACT (Grade 11/Cohort 2023)

- ✓ Content areas and time limits:
 - ✓ English – 75 items / 45-minute test
 - ✓ Math – 60 items / 60-minute test
 - ✓ Reading – 40 items / 35-minute test
 - ✓ Science – 40 items / 35-minute test
 - ✓ Writing – 40-minute essay
- ✓ Content areas must be administered in order listed above
- ✓ Testing must be completed in one day unless student has received an ACT-approved accommodation for testing over multiple days
- ✓ Items on English, Math, Reading, and Science sections are multiple-choice
- ✓ Students receive one writing prompt that describes a complex issue and provides three perspectives. Students will write an essay explaining their perspective on the issue.
- ✓ College-reportable composite score (from the English, Math, Reading, and Science sections) and a STEM score (from the Math and Science sections) will be provided
- ✓ ACT Practice Tests
- ✓ Sample Essays and Writing Test Scoring Rubric

[ACT Aspire Technical Manual](#)

[Calculator Policy](#) (both ACT and ACT Aspire)

[ACT Technical Manual](#)